

Practitioner's Docket No. MPI00-437P1RM**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 25, 28, 31, 34, 35, and 40 and amend claims 26, 27, 29, 30, 32 and 33.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS:

1-25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended): An isolated nucleic acid molecule selected from the group consisting of:

- a) a nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:3, or a full complement thereof; and
- b) a nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, or a full complement ~~thereof~~ thereof the nucleic acid.

27. (Currently Amended): An isolated nucleic acid molecule selected from the group consisting of:

- ~~b) a)~~ a nucleic acid molecule consisting of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:3, or a full complement thereof; and
- ~~a) b)~~ a nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, or a full complement ~~thereof~~ thereof the nucleic acid.

28. (Canceled).

29. (Currently Amended): A vector comprising the ~~The~~ nucleic acid molecule of claim 26, ~~further comprising vector nucleic acid sequences.~~

30. (Currently Amended): A vector comprising the ~~The~~ nucleic acid molecule of claim 27, ~~further comprising vector nucleic acid sequences.~~

31. (Canceled).

32. (Currently Amended): The nucleic acid molecule of claim 26, further comprising a nucleic acid sequences encoding a heterologous polypeptide.

33. (Currently Amended): The nucleic acid molecule of claim 27, further comprising a nucleic acid sequences encoding a heterologous polypeptide.

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34. (Canceled).

35. (Canceled).

36. (Previously Presented): An isolated host cell which contains the nucleic acid molecule of claim 29.

37. (Previously Presented): The host cell of claim 36 which is a mammalian host cell.

38. (Previously Presented): An isolated host cell which contains the nucleic acid molecule of claim 30.

39. (Previously Presented): The host cell of claim 38 which is a mammalian host cell.

40. (Canceled).

41. (Previously Presented): A method for producing a polypeptide, comprising culturing the host cell of claim 36 under conditions in which the polypeptide encoded by the nucleic acid molecule is expressed.

42. (Previously Presented): A method for producing a polypeptide, comprising culturing the host cell of claim 38 under conditions in which the polypeptide encoded by the nucleic acid molecule is expressed.